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STUDIES (ILET) SEMINAR IN AMSTERDAM, SEPTEMBER 5-8

1. THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATIONAL STUDIES (ILET) PLANS TO HOLD A WORKING MEETING IN AMSTERDAM, SEPTEMBER 5-8. ORGANIZERS OF THE MEETING SAY THAT THE INVITED JOURNALISTS, SCIENTISTS AND UN REPRESENTATIVES WILL DISCUSS THIRD WORLD PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION. THE MEETING IS TO FOLLOW UP TO ILET'S MEXICO MEETING IN 1976, ORGANIZED BY THE DAG HAMMARSKJOLD FOUNDATION, AND ON DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION AGENCIES HELD DURING THE UNESCO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NAIROBI, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1976.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT ILET WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1976 IN MEXICO WITH THE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF SWEDEN AND THE NETHERLANDS. THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT, PRODDED BY MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AID, JAN PRONK, AND WITH THE BACKING OF PREMIER JOOP DEN UYL, IS CONTRIBUTING 150,000 DOLLARS TOWARD THE AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE FOR GREATER THIRD WORLD

CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS CLAIM THAT SUCH SUPPORT WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAD TO FURTHER PRESS CURBS. HEATED CONTROVERSY HAS COME FROM JOURNALISTS AND FROM THE LIBERAL PARTY (VVD) IN PARLIAMENT. PRONK ARGUES THAT, BY ENCOURAGING ILET, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT CAN EXERT INFLUENCE AGAINST TENDENCIES TOWARD GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AS ILET SEMINAR TAKES

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